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C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 1091

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

ABIDJAN FOR AMBASSADOR NORLAND

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BRIEFING OF MINEXT AFF MOGWE

REF: A) GABORONE 1053, B) GABORONE 1064, C) MAPUTO 515,

D) LAGOS 5332

1. IN RESPONSE TO MINEXTAFF MOGWE'S REQUEST (REF A), AND
AFTER PRIOR COORDINATION, UK CHARGE' (RAFTERY), GERMAN
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CHARGE' (MESSERSCHMIDT) AND I BRIEFED HIM, IN CONFIDENCE,
MORNING MAY 13 ON RESULTS OF CONTACT GROUP PRESENTATIONS
ON NAMIBIA RECEIVED FROM MAPUTO (REF C), LAGOS (REF D),
DARESSALAAM AND LUSAKA.

2. MOGWE SAID HE GREATLY APPRECIATED THE BRIEFING,
COMING AS IT DID PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR MAPUTO

CONFERENCE. HE SAID HE AGREED WITH WHAT SEEMED TO BE GENERAL CONSENSUS OF INTERESTED PARTIES, THAT CUES WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN FROM SWAPO, NOT FROM INDIVIDUAL FRONTLINE STATES. FORTUNATELY, HE SAID, SWAPO CONDITIONS NOT EXTREME; REQUESTS FOR RELEASE OF DETAINEES, WITHDRAWAL OF RSA TROOPS FROM NAMIBIA AND UN SUPERVISION OF ELECTIONS WERE REASONABLE. MOREOVER, TO BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, SWAPO HAD NEVER OPPOSED OPEN ELECTIONS AND FREE POLITICAL ACTIVITY. HE ADDED THAT AMONG THE FRONTLINE STATES, BOTSWANA FIRMLY SUPPORTED FREE ELECTIONS, ARGUING THAT IF SWAPO WERE REALLY THE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE, FREE ELECTIONS WOULD MERELY CONFIRM THE FACT.

3. MOGWE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW HOW SWAPO FELT ABOUT WESTERN INITIATIVE, BUT THOUGHT SAG DECISION TO REFRAIN FROM FURTHER ACTION ON TURNHALLE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS WOULD BRING SWAPO TREMENDOUS RELIEF. HE THOUGHT IT VERY IMPORTANT THAT NUJOMA BE FOUND AND BRIEFED BY THE FIVE BEFORE "CRUCIAL" MAPUTO CONFERENCE BEGAN (PRESUMABLY TO MINIMIZE CHANCES OF NUJOMA ROCKING THE BOAT THERE).
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